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**Subject:** Attention: Bobbie Garcia

Attached is a letter concerning proposed changes to AB 1497. I have also included a copy of the letter below.

Thank You,  
Danielle Filecia

Dear Bobbie Garcia,

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to AB 1497. More specifically I am writing to comment on the notice requirements for the informational meeting for significant changes by solid waste facilities. A change made by a solid waste management facility can have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of citizens living in the community in which the facility is located. People ought to know that a change might take place, as well as the nature of that change. It is imperative therefore that the public be adequately notified of the meetings where those changes will be discussed. Therefore I propose that the first step toward this notification is to require enforcement agencies to post that a meeting is taking place in every government funded institution in that community (i.e. post office, schools, DMV). Additionally the posting should be in the two most dominant languages in that area. This determination can be made by a review of the latest census numbers.

Another way to adequately inform people of the meeting is to post notice in high traffic areas of the community. For example, almost everybody must go to the supermarket at one time or another or a gas station located on a major road or near a highway entrance. Also, the agency can have a campaign for people to sign up to receive notice when there will be meetings. Maybe set up a table with volunteers at the local fair or farmers market. People can give an email address or mailing address to receive notice regarding solid waste management facilities in their area. This ensures that the people interested will be receiving the information necessary.

Additionally, getting children involved in the process can help inform people now and spark an interest so that they stay informed later. More and more children have sway over their parents to buy that cereal they want or take them to Disneyland. This influence can be used to get people to the informational meetings. The enforcement agencies can send representatives to public schools one day a year to demonstrate how important it is to stay informed about the business of the local solid waste management facility. The EA representative can give the students informational brochures to take home to their parents. Even if this method proves ineffective to get the parents to the next meeting at least the information is planted in the children's mind for the future.

Thank You for Your Time,

Danielle Filecia